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SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNCIL ELECTION FOR 1967/77 TERM

- 1. AT ELECTIONS HELD OCT 20 IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ROMANIA, PANAMA, DAHOMEY AND LYBIA WERE ELECTED ON FIRST BALLOT TO TWO YEAR TERMS ON SECURITY COUNCIL BEGINNING JANUARY 1976. ALL HAD RECEIVED ENDORSEMENT BY RESPECTIVE REGIONAL GROUPS.
- 2. FIRST BALLOT VOTING ON ASIAN SEAT GAVE INDIA 60 VOTES, PAKISTAN 59, AND PHILIPPINES 25 (SIC). TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY OF MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING REQUIRED FOR ELECTION. SUBSEQUENT THREE BALLOTS WERE RESTRICTIVE VOTING BETWEEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN ONLY. NEITHER COUNTRY GAINED THE NECESSARY VOTES AND ELECTION MOVED INTO UNRESTRICTED VOTING ON FIFTH BALLOT WITH PAKISTAN RECEIVING 60 VOTES, INDIA 54, PHILIPPINES 20 AND BHUTAN 1. BEFORE SIXTH (AND SECOND UNRESTRICTED) BALLOT, PHILIPPINES WITHDREW CANDIDACY. PAKISTAN RECEIVED 72 VOTES AND INDIA 58 WITH PNG OBTAINING ONE.

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3. IT WAS DECIDED TO ADJOURN ASSEMBLY UNTIL AFTERNOON

OCT 21 WHEN SEVENTH (AND THIRD UNRESTRICTIVE) VOTE SCHEDULED.

4. BEFORE SIXTH BALLOT, WE HEARD THAT INDIA AND PAKISTAN HAVE GONE INTO CONSULTATION OVER THIS MATTER WITH POSSIBILITY THAT INDIA WILL WITHDRAW CANDIDACY FOR 76/77 TERM IN RETURN FOR PAKISTANI SUPPORT FOR INDIAN CANDIDACY FOR 77/78 TERM (REPLACING JAPAN). HOWEVER, WE WERE SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD THAT INDIANS HAD PUT A "HOLD" ON THIS ARRANGEMENT PENDING CONSULTATION WITH NEW DELHI.

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